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SUBJECT: NEW INCIDENT INVOLVING UNILATERAL ACTION BY PATHET LAO  
COMPONENT OF PROTECTIVE MILITARY FORCES

1. ON SUNDAY MORNING WHEN AMERICAN MEMBERS OF VIENTIANE ROD AND GUN CLUB APPEARED AT THEIR PRIVATELY LEASED FIRING RANGE, THE PATHET LAO ELEMENT OF THE PROTECTIVE MILITARY FORCES TOLD THEM THAT ACCORDING TO THE PEACE ACCORDS, THE FIRING OF WEAPONS WAS NOT PERMITTED.

2. ALTHOUGH DUE TO LANGUAGE BARRIER, DISCUSSION WAS DIFFICULT, AMERICAN MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN THAT TRAP-SHOOTING AND SMALL-BORE RANGES WERE SPORTSMAN'S ACTIVITIES, PL SOLDIERS APPEARED NOT TO UNDERSTAND. MEMBERS THEN INVITED P.L. TO INSPECT EQUIPMENT, SHELTERS, TARGETS SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, AND 20-GAUGE SHOTGUNS, TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ENTIRE ACTIVITY WAS DIRECTED TO ARD SPORTING AIMS. ALSO, THEY TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT CLUB HAD BEEN OPERATING ON LEASED TERRAIN SINCE 1967, NEVERTHELESS P.L. DID NOT PERMIT CONDUCT OF SHOOTING MATCH.

3. CHARGE RELAYED MESSAGE TO PARTICIPANTS TO VACATE AREA TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.

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4. ROD AND GUN CLUB WAS RECOGNIZED AS AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN ITS NOTE #69 ON MAY 18, 1967, AND CLUB'S INCORPORATION WAS REGISTERED ON MARCH 9, 1967, UNDER LAW NUMBER 48 DATED 13 JANUARY 1950.

5. COMMENT: ROD AND GUN CLUB RANGE IS LOCATED NEAR NONG THA CAMP OF PATHET LAO COMPONENT OF PROTECTIVE MILITARY FORCES, AND WITHIN PATHET LAO ZONE OF JURISDICTION IN 15-KM BUFFER AREA AROUND VIENTIANE CITY. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ARRANGEMENTS NEGOTIATED BY TWO SIDES, PATHET LAO COMPONENT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO INSPECT AREAS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF BOTH SIDES IN JOINT MILITARY COMMAND WHICH SUPERVISES PROTECTIVE MILITARY FORCES.  
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